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J. S. Willison, formerly editor of the Toronto Globe and now of the News, writing on "A National Policy," in part says:

National feeling reinforces the protectionist feeling. The general American tariff is much higher than that of Canada, and is deliberately designed to exclude both the manufactured articles and the natural products of other countries. It is further designed to admit raw material from Canada at low rates, and to encourage the production of the finished article in the United States. Naturally, this breeds irritation and resentment in Canada, and strengthens the feeling for increased duties even to the point of retaliation. It has also to be remembered that Canada is more sparsely settled, and that therefore local freight charges are higher, while the competition of the railways for American business at low rates still further prejudices the position of Canadian industries. Even if our tariff rates were equal to those of the United States, the greater specialization of American industry and the lower freight rates due to a greater volume of traffic, would give American manufacturers some advantages in reciprocal trade. Substantially it is a fact, at least in times of depression, that Canadian manufacturers cannot get into the United States, while the surplus goods of their factories are sold at low prices in Canada.

All this does not mean that under any circumstances or from either the economic or national standpoint, the Canadian tariff should be raised to an equality with that of the United States. That would be a tariff for spite rather than for Canada. It does not even mean that a general increase of the tariff would be necessary to meet established grievances. It may mean that in revising the duties the government will proceed along the lines followed when the Fielding tariff was adopted. In order to the preparation of that measure ministers made a careful and sympathetic investigation into the condition of Canadian manufactures and as a general principle determined that, while no existing industry should be refused a fair chance to live, exorbitant protectionist duties should not be continued to the detriment of the mass of the community. It is generally conceded that a large measure of prudence and common sense was shown by the ministers who had most to do with the construction of the Fielding tariff. At least the result of their work was well received by the country. Even the west tacitly agreed to treat the tariff as a national question, and to give fair consideration to the opinions and prejudices of older Canada. There is no reason to think that the west is more sectional than the east, or that if our eastern people were settled on the prairies we would show any more robust Canadian spirit than the west exhibits. We do not believe that the west will reject any tariff revision that can be shown to conserve the national interest, or will demand the sacrifice of eastern industries which show enterprise, courage, and a sincere desire to serve the western settlers at fair prices.

We venture to think that the west is burdened by high freight rates, and particularly by inefficient railway service, rather than by tariff taxation. If the east will consider transportation as a national question, and the west the tariff as a national question, all differences can be measurably reconciled. With both the government is concerned from the national standpoint.

The through routes from the west to the seaboard are neither adequately equipped nor fully developed. There are still great unoccupied areas in northern and western Ontario, in northern Quebec, in the Saskatchewan and Peace river countries and in British Columbia, and governments must have much to do with the settlement and development of these great tracts of territory. They must be furnished with railways under the direction of Governments and with their assistance. That direction must be courageous, sagacious and far-seeing. What form the assistance shall take is for ministers to determine. They have all the lessons of the past for guide. Continuing on this line his words are:

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Seeds, Seeds, Seeds, see Yates.

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Jim McLeod has returned to town, after spending several months at Pindley creek.

In Wilmer 5 o'clock tea parties are quite fashionable just now—so far the men have all escaped.

Lake & Co., the Atholmer merchants, received five tons of new stock by the steamer Port on Sunday.

Master Martin Reider celebrated his second birthday Saturday by entertaining a number of juvenile friends.

The good people of Atholmer have subscribed \$25 and presented it to Rev. Mr. Taggart, who has been under the doctor's care for some weeks.

It is reported that the Laborers' Co-operative Mining Co. at Golden has disposed of its stock of general merchandise and given up the idea of starting a store.

E. T. Johnston, of Sunshine ranch, has been ill for a week, but is at work again. He entertained six visitors Sunday, and has one of the finest ranches in this district and is preparing to put in a large crop than ever.

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A DISHONEST TRAPPER

Mike O'Grady Quietly Quits the Country.

Robert McKennan came up from Golden last week. This was his first appearance here since he left last fall to trap up Kootenai Three creek with Mike O'Grady. They made a good catch, but Bob was unlucky, for Mike has left for parts unknown and leaves a number of creditors to mouth his departure. According to Bob they spent Christmas at Golden where Mike disposed of their fur and gave him his full share, then they returned to the creek. After trapping over two months more Mike said he would go down to a lumber camp for supplies while Bob went off trapping for a week on another small creek. When Bob returned to camp he discovered that Mike had taken all the fur with him, and he knew that he had lost all his hard work. At Golden it was learned that Mike had borrowed some money, saying he had been caught in a snowslide and was in a hurry to get to the hot springs and would pay on his return. But evidently Mike made some distant "interplings" as nothing more has been heard of him. It is such men as Mike O'Grady who make it hard for the trapper and prospector. Not only do they steal the hard earnings of their partners, but they injure their credit with the trades people. It is seldom a trapper starting out in the fall has any ready cash and therefore he must obtain his supplies for the winter from the local stores, and if after waiting six months for his pay the merchant is beaten, naturally he will be more careful in future. However, as a rule trappers and prospectors are honest and pay their bills when they have money.

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